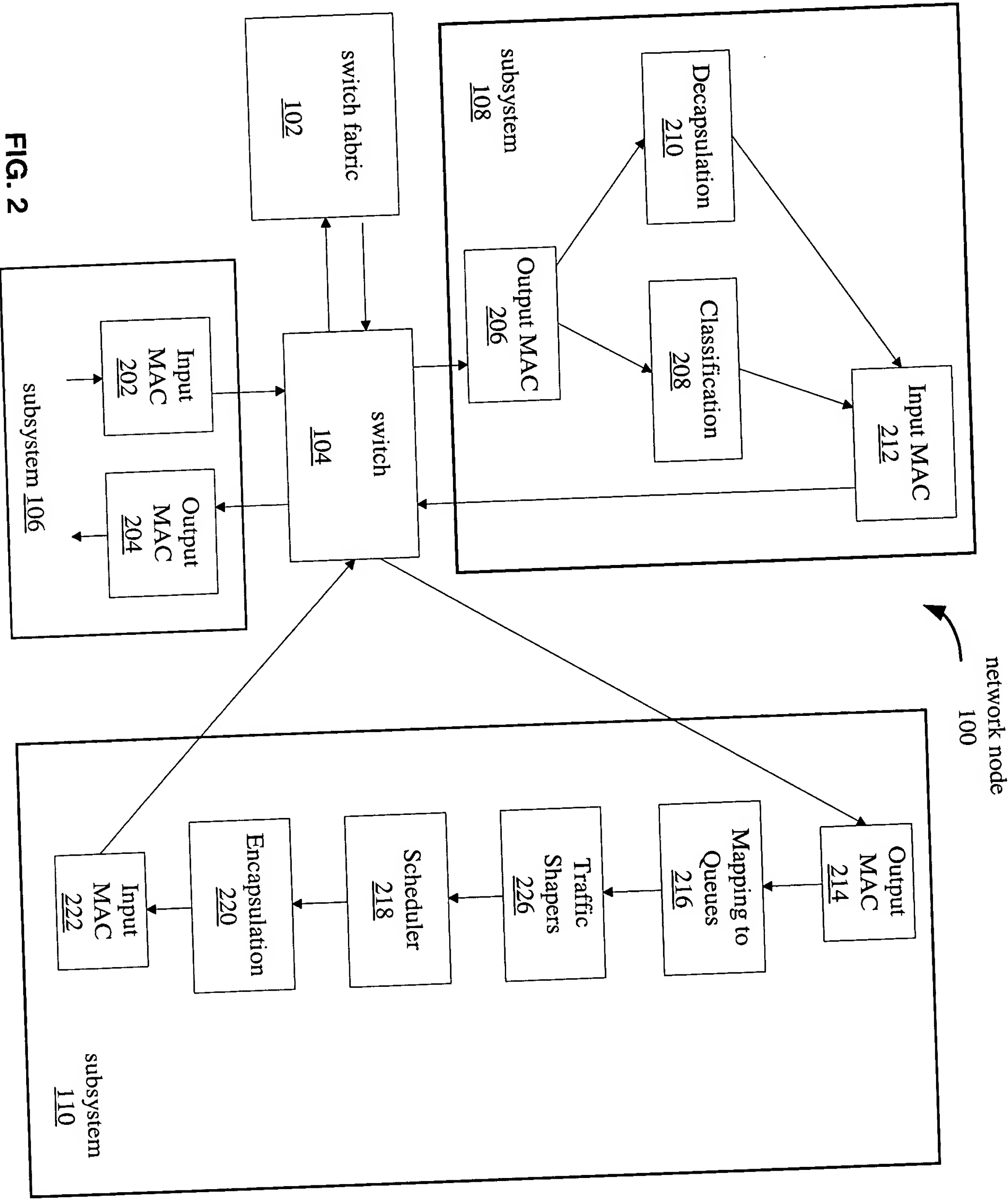


FIG. 1



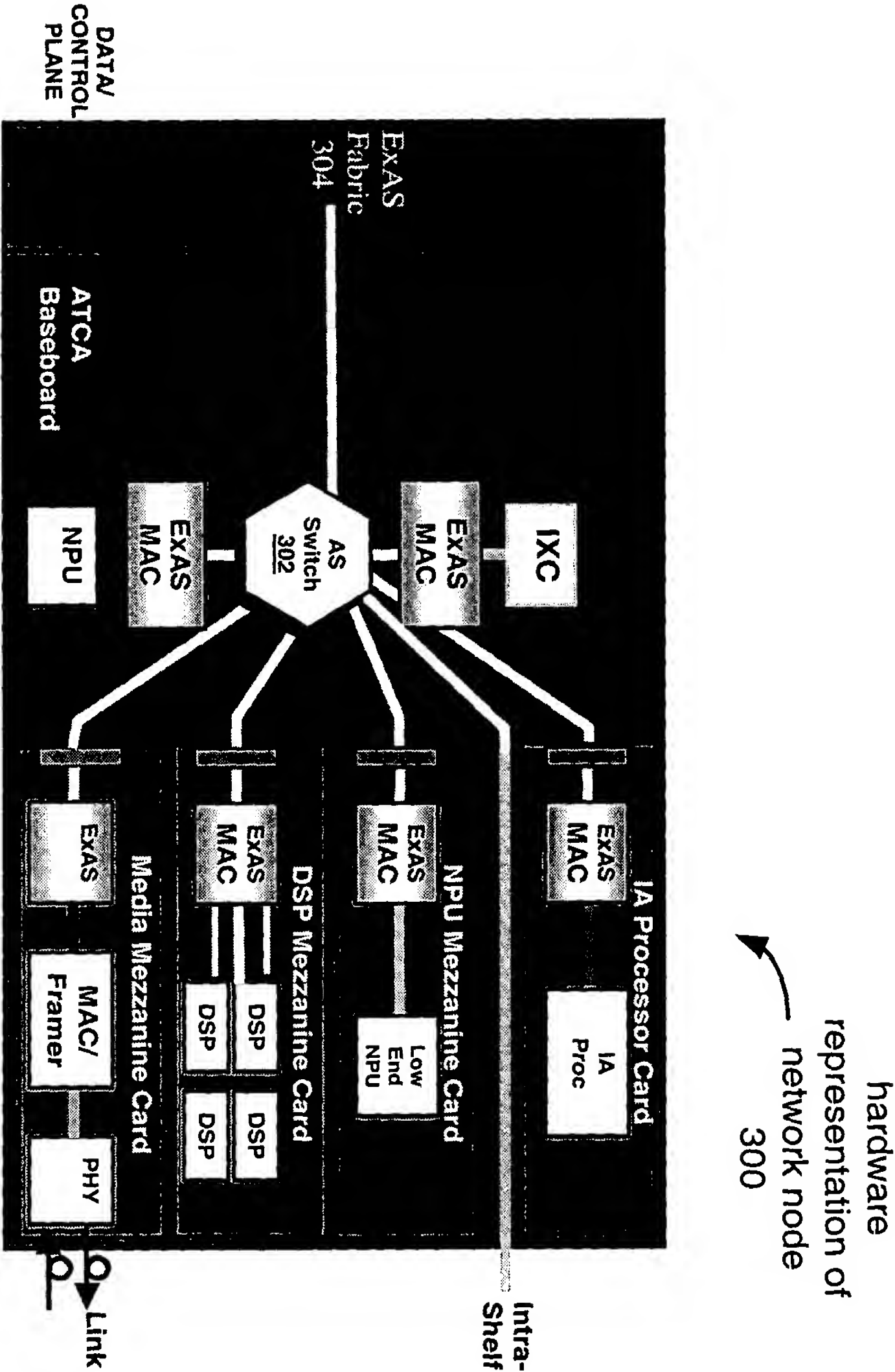


FIG. 3

Interconnection of nodes  
in a multishelf configuration using an  
external switch

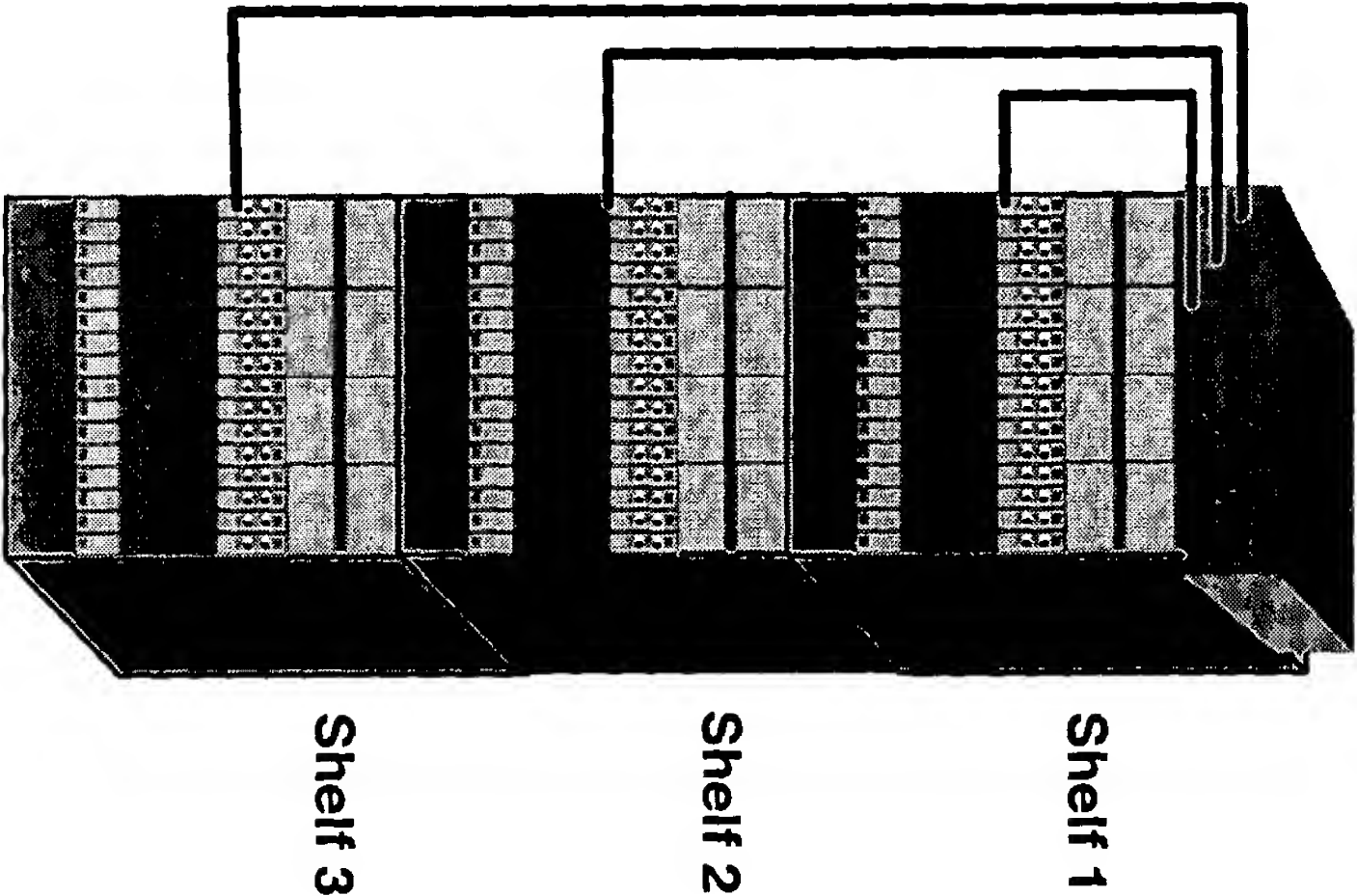


FIG. 4a

Interconnection of nodes  
in a multishelf configuration using a  
vertical mesh

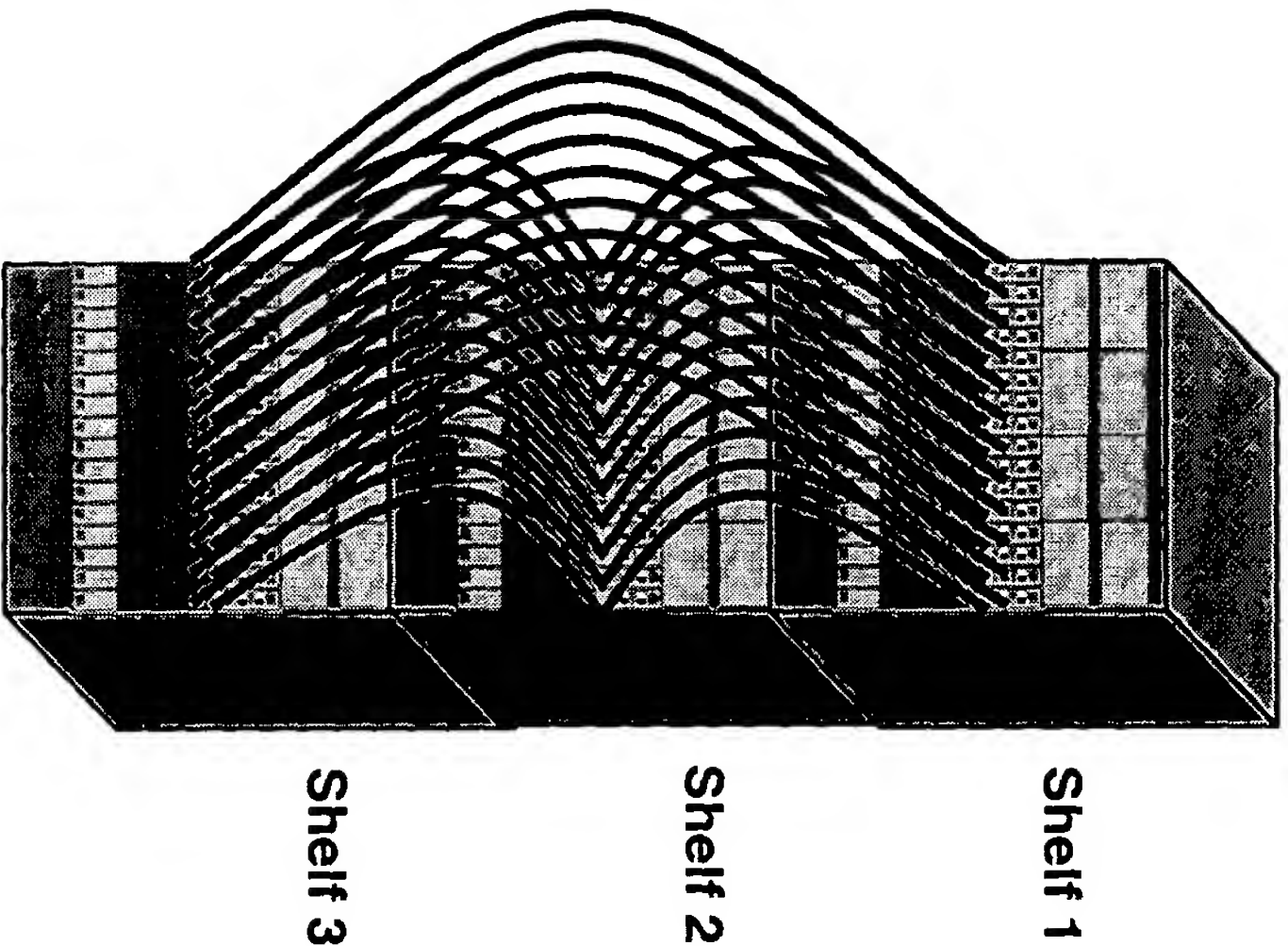


FIG. 4b

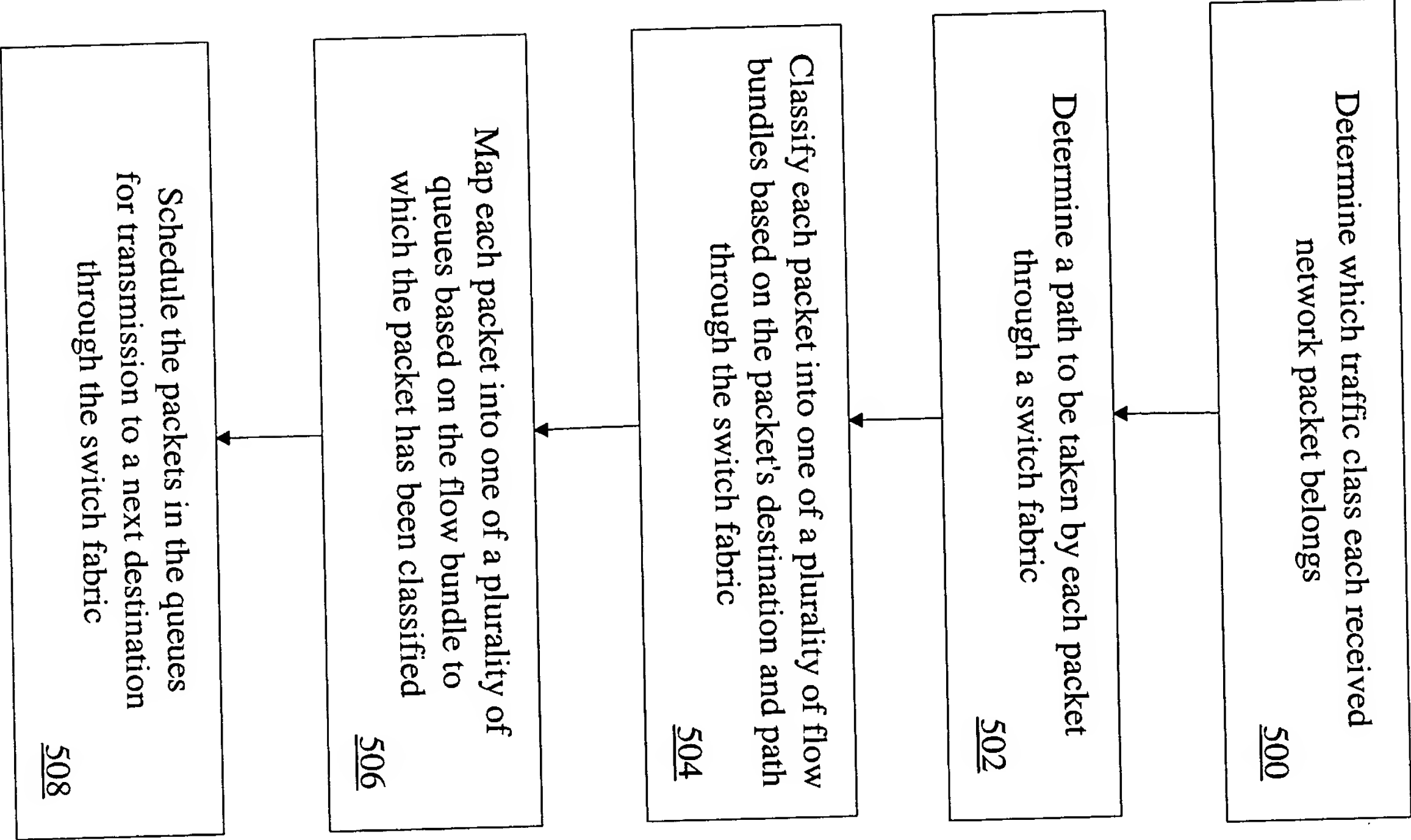


FIG. 5